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"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING ELIGIBILITY STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 9-139a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (b) The application for absentee ballot shall be in the form of a
7 statement signed under the penalties of false statement in absentee
8 balloting. Each application shall contain (1) spaces for the printed or
9 typed name and the original signature, under the penalties of false
10 statement in absentee balloting, of any person who assists the applicant
11 in the completion of an application, together with the information
12 required in section 9-140, as amended by this act, and (2) spaces for the
13 printed or typed name and the original signature [and the printed or
14 typed name] of the applicant.

15 Sec. 502. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-140 of the 2022
16 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
17 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

18 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, application
19 for an absentee ballot shall be made to the clerk of the municipality in
20 which the applicant is eligible to vote or has applied for such eligibility.
21 Any person who assists another person in the completion of an
22 application shall, in the space provided, indicate the reason for assisting
23 the applicant, sign the application and legibly print or type his name,
24 residence address and telephone number. Such signature shall be
25 written by hand and in ink and shall be made under the penalties of
26 false statement in absentee balloting. The municipal clerk shall not
27 invalidate the application solely because it does not contain the name of
28 a person who assisted the applicant in the completion of the application.
29 The municipal clerk shall not distribute with an absentee ballot
30 application any material which promotes the success or defeat of any
31 candidate or referendum question. The municipal clerk shall maintain a
32 log of all absentee ballot applications provided under this subsection,
33 including the name and address of each person to whom applications
34 are provided and the number of applications provided to each such
35 person. Each absentee ballot application provided by the municipal
36 clerk shall be consecutively numbered and be stamped or marked with
37 the name of the municipality issuing the application. The application
38 shall be signed by the applicant, by hand and in ink, under the penalties
39 of false statement in absentee balloting on (A) the form prescribed by
40 the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 9-139a, as amended by this
41 act, (B) a form provided by any federal department or agency if
42 applicable pursuant to section 9-153a, or (C) any of the special forms of
43 application prescribed pursuant to section 9-150c, 9-153a, 9-153b, 9-
44 153d, 9-153e, 9-153f or 9-158d, if applicable. Any such absentee ballot
45 applicant who is unable to write may cause the application to be
46 completed by an authorized agent who shall, in the spaces provided for
47 the date and signature, legibly write, by hand and in ink, the date and
48 name of the absentee ballot applicant followed by the word "by" and his

49 own original signature. If the ballot is to be mailed to the applicant, the
50 applicant shall list the bona fide personal mailing address of the
51 applicant in the appropriate space on the application.

52 Sec. 503. Section 9-140a of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

54 Each absentee ballot applicant shall sign, by hand and in ink, the form
55 on the inner envelope provided for in section 9-137, as amended by this
56 act, which shall constitute a statement under the penalties of false
57 statement in absentee balloting. Any absentee ballot applicant who is
58 unable to write may cause his name to be signed on the form by an
59 authorized agent who shall, in the space provided for the signature,
60 legibly write, by hand and in ink, the name of the applicant followed by
61 the word "by" and his own original signature. The failure of the
62 applicant or authorized agent to date the form shall not invalidate the
63 ballot. The ballot shall be inserted in the inner envelope, and the inner
64 envelope shall be inserted in the outer envelope, prior to the return of
65 the ballot to the municipal clerk. If an applicant is required to return
66 identification with the ballot pursuant to the Help America Vote Act,
67 P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, such identification shall be
68 inserted in the outer envelope so such identification can be viewed
69 without opening the inner envelope."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-139a(b)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-140(a)(1)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-140a